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# I ntroducing

## Jennie Linscott

JENNIE LINSKOTT is introduced with a shower of congratulations. She is a splendid personification of the true Edison spirit. When the Cub reporter endeavored to interview her as winner of the song contest, conducted by the Pivot Men, Jennie talked very freely on one subject, — her love for the Edison Company, and her affection for her associates throughout the Company.

Jennie Linscott has all the fine characteristics of the Edison girls you like best. The fact that she has been blind for sixteen years has in no way thwarted her ambition, nor prevented her becoming an inspiration to those about her.

Soon after Jennie was ten years old, she became a pupil at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, and remained there until she received her high school diploma. The years at the Perkins Institute were very happy ones, and Jennie refers to her school days with much tenderness. She then took a business course, and four years ago became an Edisonite in the Stenographical Division.

She is an excellent Ediphone operator, and has always identified herself with all Company activities. She has also written articles for EDISON LIFE and is greatly interested in the work of the Women's Committee and the Home Service Division.

"Can you do anything for recreation?" the reporter inquired gently, to which Jennie replied with a chuckle, — "Well, I read, swim, play cards, cook, sew, attend the theatre, and now, the talking pictures are most enjoyable. I like pretty clothes, and select my own. *I visualize everything!* The fact that I do not see has, perhaps, fired my imagination for all that is beautiful. My greatest ambition is to be just like every other girl."

Jennie commutes from Lowell every day, and her attendance record is excellent. The Company also employs Jennie's sister, Gertrude, in the Billing Department.

Jennie Linscott is an inspiration to all of us. One of her associates has written a poem about Jennie, and it appears with this article.

EDISON LIFE is very happy also to print the words to Jennie's winning song in the Pivot Men's Song Contest.

The words and music were both contributed by this remarkable Edison girl, the title being —

### The Boston Edison Company

We are the Edison Company  
And we make Electricity  
That Power, the greatest of all on  
Earth;  
We'll show people just what it's  
worth.

Varnished cambric, used for insulating conductors when making joints, is very seriously affected by moisture as shown by tests on samples of good tape which had been exposed to damp air in a humidifier for approximately one week. Cambric thus exposed to moisture may be restored to good condition by boiling out in an insulating compound at 275° F. for about fifteen minutes. Boiling at too high a temperature, however, burns the fibres of the tape and destroys its value as an insulator. Excessive stretching, creasing, or wrinkling, greatly reduces the value of varnished cambric as insulating material.

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Owing to the high value of potential required to break down the insulation of a standard cable joint, the method of application of varnished cambric was reproduced on a small scale for the purpose of demonstration. The test was made on two layers of cambric wrapped over a stranded 4/0 conductor on which the paper insulation had been removed as in regular joint construction. In the application of the cambric, each turn overlapped half of the preceding turn. In parts (h) and (i) of this test, standard copper connectors were used as in standard joint construction.

Test	Breakdown in Volts
Method of application of varnished cambric:	
(a) Good cambric properly wrapped, with compound between layers	32,000
(b) Cambric loosely wrapped (bulges and wrinkles)	20,000
(c) Moisture between layers (perspira- tion)	16,000

(d) Without com- pound between layers	23,000
(e) Stretched too much when ap- plied	8,000
(f) Cut or scratched	18,000
(g) Damaged by bend- ing	16,000
(h) Cambric over smoothly sweated connector	28,000
(i) Cambric over teats of solder left on connector	19,000

To produce the desired results, considerable care must be taken in the application of varnished cambric. Cambric loosely wrapped around conductors, moisture between layers (as might be caused by perspiration), excessive stretching, creasing or wrinkling, or excessive bending of conductors after wrapping, all serve to defeat the purpose of the application.

Considerable disadvantage also results from points of solder left on connections where two conductors have been joined.



Obituary

We regret to note the passing of Joseph J. Dennison, Edison annuitant, and husband of Mrs. Inez W. Dennison of the General Service Department. Funeral services were conducted on November 17 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lexington Street, East Boston.

Mr. Dennison was a member of the Gold Button Club, and was much respected by his associates in the Construction Bureau. He retired from active service on August 1, 1928.



The future will bring inventions  
great,  
And we will all cooperate.  
The *Boston Edison Company*  
Is known as a *Public Utility*.



## An Appreciation

JENNIE

On a day I was weary and sad at  
heart  
I was blessed with a vision of you.  
Though you paused but an instant  
my soul was touched  
By a sermon, though silent, yet true.  
And I thought of the fragrance that  
hidden lies  
In a rose or a lily so fair,  
Or the song of a bird which echoes  
sweet,  
On the wings of the cool evening air.  
In that instant of contact a spark of  
life  
Was transferred from your being to  
mine;  
And I want you to know that I'll  
braver be  
For that message I hail as divine.



JENNIE LINSOTT

May the Lord add his light to your  
inmost soul,  
Guide your footsteps as through life  
you go;  
Be assured you have brightened the  
pathway of life  
For how many you never can know.

*Esther C. Smith.*



## President Edgar Addresses Technology Engineers

AS guest speaker at a meeting of the M. I. T. Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held at the Walker Memorial on Friday evening, December 7, Mr. Charles L. Edgar, President of our Company, addressed the undergraduates of Technology on the subject of "The Association with and Opportunities for the Technical Man in the Public Utility Field."

His talk, which was most interesting, was supplemented with motion pictures and was warmly received by a group of 400 lower class men and

professors, all of whom manifested their appreciation at the opportunity of receiving expert information on the development to date and future possibilities of the industry.

In concluding his talk, Mr. Edgar told the students "There is no infallible law for success in the utility field, but there must be, on the part of the individual, a willingness to serve, primarily. It is then up to the individual himself and admittedly the possessor of a technical education has a background which will be of benefit to him in his vocation."



## Around the World with E. F. A.

Panama — (*Continued*)

We arrived at Balboa shortly after lunch and found rain awaiting us. It rains at frequent intervals in Panama; at least it did while we were there. (Panama needs a Mr. Rideout.) Automobiles were provided and we were taken for a sight-seeing trip around the port, which included the army headquarters, administration buildings and the hospital grounds. From the Balboa heights we could see the whole valley and some of the Pacific Ocean. It is said one can see both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans from some parts of Balboa.

At the City of Old Panama we found ruins of the oldest city of European origin in America. It was considered impregnable as a fortress but was destroyed in 1671 by Henry Morgan. At the ruins of one of the old handsome churches, all the tourists alighted from the cars and were immediately attracted by an army of enormous ants. Not because of their size did the ants hold their interest but from the manner in which they did their work. There was no radio set around, but from somewhere the ants must have received Tower Health exercises to have given them so much energy. They were the most energetic beings we had ever

seen. Each one, and there were millions, was carrying a leaf to a nearby tree. There can be no better managed organization anywhere, excepting perhaps a circus, than a colony of ants. Traffic signals and everything were in their possession. On the right would be an endless line bringing the leaves and on the left a line just as long returning for more. It would be impossible to estimate how many lines there were, yet there were no accidents or casualties. If you wish to spend an interesting half hour and you are near any ant hills, just stop and look them over.

We never hope to get the rules and regulations of Panama

straightened out in our mind. It is most confusing. In some parts of the place one could buy liquor, if one wished it, on the right hand side of the street but not on the left. You can purchase merchandise in some stores where it is not dutiable, while a few blocks away the same articles if purchased would be dutiable. Rather than get in any trouble we bought nothing but a cigarette holder. We shopped though, and had a real good time bargaining with the store owners.

The streets were very narrow and



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